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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in August 1987. The August rate was down 0.2 percent from the July rate of 4.5. A year ago the unemployment rate was 0.9 percent higher at 5.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted civilian labor force at 3,306,000 in August decreased by 16,000 from the previous month. From August a year ago the civilian labor force grew by 99,000, or a percentage increase of 3.1.

Employment, seasonally adjusted, stood at 3,165,000 in August falling 6,000 (-0.2 percent) from the July estimate of 3,171,000. The number of unemployed persons also dropped over the month from 151,000 in July to 141,000 in August, a net decrease of 10,000 (-6.6 percent). Employment, August 1986 - August 1987, grew by 126,000 workers (+4.1 percent) as the number of unemployed persons dropped by 27,000, (-16.1 percent).

Seasonally adjusted industry employment in North Carolina was 2,827,000 in August, a slight increase of 400 workers over the July estimate of 2,826,600. Manufacturing employment was down as both total durable and nondurable goods industries lost workers. Small worker gains posted in lumber and wood; stone, clay, and glass; fabricated metals; electrical machinery; transportation equipment; paper; rubber; and other nondurables were not enough to offset the losses. From a year ago, industry employment was up by 93,800 workers as most industries reported employment gains. Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 2,100 workers from July to August with the largest gains occurring in the service, except domestic (+1,500) and retail trade (+1,400) industries. From August 1986 employment in nonmanufacturing industries saw a net increase of 74,200 as all industry groups added workers.

The average number of weeks claimed for unemployment benefits in August was 31,375, down 6,910 (-18.0 percent) from July. Average weeks claimed dropped by more than one thousand in textiles (-1,306) and in apparel (-1,176). Reductions occurred in all industries except printing and publishing (+17) and finance, insurance, and real estate (+12).

In August, 17,970 individuals were placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission. Persons placed in manufacturing industries totaled 6,816. In nonmanufacturing industries, the largest number of placements was made in services, 3,245, and in trade, 2,551. By occupation, the largest number of placements was made in packaging and material handling (+2,892); service, except domestic (+2,850); farming, fishing, and forestry (+2,464); and benchwork (+2,273).

Both durable goods (total) and nondurable goods (total) experienced increases in the number of production workers over the month. Production workers in manufacturing numbered 675,600 in August, an increase of 5,800 over the July estimate of 669,800. Over the month, the increase in production workers was largest in the textile industry (+2,300), followed by tobacco (+2,000). From August 1986 - August 1987 the number of production workers in manufacturing grew by 14,000 as notable increases were evident in textiles, +6,600 (+3.5 percent), furniture, +2,400 (+3.2 percent), and transportation equipment, +2,200 (+ 12.0 percent).

Production workers in manufacturing averaged $7.83 an hour in August as compared to $7.82 an hour in July and $7.58 in August a year ago. Average weekly earnings increased $5.89 over the month, and average weekly hours increased. Tobacco workers had the highest average hourly earnings in August at $14.51. These same workers had the shortest workweek, 34.1 hours a week. In nonmanufacturing, nonsupervisory workers in communications and public utilities were the highest hourly and weekly earners at $12.29 and $516.18, respectively. From August 1986 to August 1987, workers in stone, clay, and glass; primary metals; electrical machinery; chemicals; and mining realized more than $.40 cents an hour increase in their average hourly earnings.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

August 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: March 1987 through August 1987					
	Aug. 1986	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,767	4,816	4,822	4,829	4,836	4,843	4,848
Civilian Labor Force	3,207	3,264	3,267	3,240	3,292	3,322	3,306
Participation Rate 1/	67.3	67.8	67.8	67.1	68.1	68.6	68.2
Employed	3,039	3,107	3,112	3,101	3,143	3,171	3,165
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.8	64.5	64.5	64.2	65.0	65.5	65.3
Unemployed	168	157	155	139	149	151	141
Unemployment Rate	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: June 1987 through August 1987		
	Aug. 1986	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,767	4,836	4,843	4,848
Civilian Labor Force	3,252	3,316	3,389	3,351
Participation Rate 1/	68.2	68.6	70.0	69.1
Employed	3,085	3,155	3,229	3,211
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	64.7	65.2	66.7	66.2
Unemployed	167	160	160	140
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.2
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	1.6	1.3	1.4	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

August 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: March 1987 through August 1987					
	Aug. 1986	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,828	182,179	182,344	182,533	182,703	182,885	183,002
Civilian Labor Force	118,124	119,222	119,335	119,993	119,517	119,952	120,302
Participation Rate 1/	65.3	65.4	65.4	65.7	65.4	65.6	65.7
Employed	110,067	111,368	111,835	112,447	112,257	112,727	113,081
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.9	61.1	61.3	61.6	61.4	61.6	61.8
Unemployed	8,057	7,854	7,500	7,546	7,260	7,224	7,221
Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.0
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: June 1987 through August 1987		
	Aug. 1986	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,828	182,703	182,885	183,002
Civilian Labor Force	119,471	121,153	122,105	121,614
Participation Rate 1/	66.1	66.3	66.8	66.5
Employed	111,515	113,498	114,652	114,527
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	61.7	62.1	62.7	62.6
Unemployed	7,955	7,655	7,453	- 7,088
Unemployment Rate	6.7	6.3	6.1	5.8
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.6	2.2	2.2	INA*

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

August 1986-August 1987

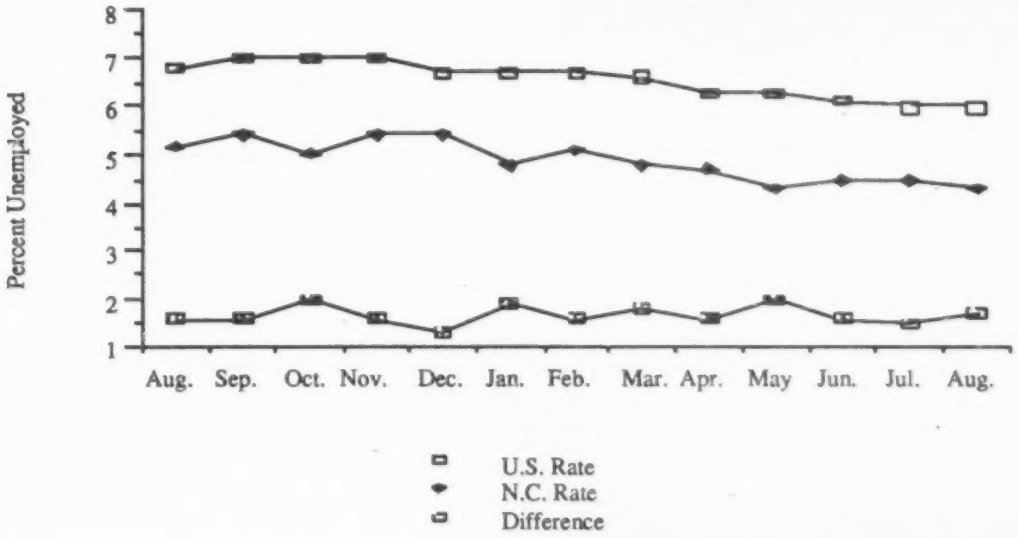

Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

August 1986-August 1987

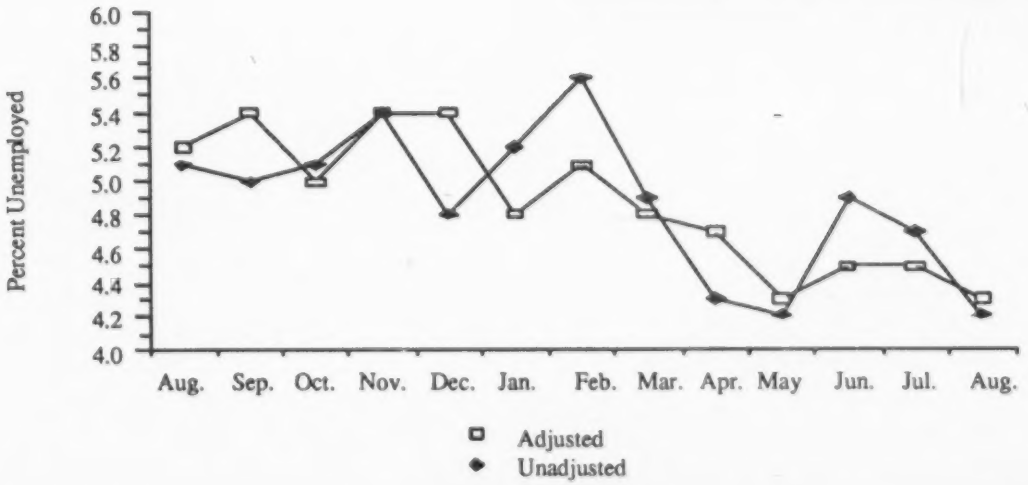

Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

August 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug. 1986	Change From: July 1987 Net	July 1987 Percent	August 1986 Net	August 1986 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,351.3	3,389.5	3,252.0	- 38.2	- 1.1	+ 99.3	+ 3.1
Unemployment, Total	139.9	160.2	166.6	- 20.3	- 12.7	- 26.7	- 16.0
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.2	4.7	5.1	- 0.5	-----	- 0.9	-----
Employment, Total	3,211.4	3,229.3	3,085.4	- 17.9	- 0.6	+ 126.0	+ 4.1
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,306.0	3,322.0	3,207.0	- 16.0	- 0.5	+ 99.0	+ 3.1
Unemployment, Total	141.0	151.0	168.0	- 10.0	- 6.6	- 27.0	- 16.1
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.3	4.5	5.2	- 0.2	-----	- 0.9	-----
Employment, Total	3,165.0	3,171.0	3,039.0	- 6.0	- 0.2	+ 126.0	+ 4.1
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,827.0	2,826.6	2,733.2	+ 0.4	**	+ 93.8	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	849.8	851.5	830.2	- 1.7	- 0.2	+ 19.6	+ 2.4
Durable Goods	345.0	345.4	336.1	- 0.4	- 0.1	+ 8.9	+ 2.6
Lumber & Wood Products	37.1	37.0	37.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	- 0.6	- 1.6
Furniture & Fixtures	88.1	89.5	85.0	- 1.4	- 1.6	+ 3.1	+ 3.6
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.9	21.6	20.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.4	+ 1.5	+ 7.4
Primary Metals	11.4	11.4	11.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Fabricated Metals	27.0	26.9	26.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.9	57.0	55.8	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 1.1	+ 2.0
Electrical Machinery	59.5	59.2	59.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	25.7	25.3	23.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.6	+ 2.6	+ 11.3
Other Durable Goods 3/	17.4	17.5	17.1	- 0.1	- 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.8

* Revised.
** Less than .05 percent.
1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ Data are compiled on the basis of Place of Residence.
3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
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6/ This category includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

August 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug. 1986	Change From: July 1987 Net	July 1987 Percent	August 1986 Net	August 1986 Percent
Nondurable Goods	504.8	506.1	494.1	- 1.3	- 0.3	+ 10.7	+ 2.2
Food & Kindred Products	47.0	47.1	46.8	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.5	25.2	25.0	- 0.7	- 2.8	- 0.5	- 2.0
Textile Mill Products	219.5	219.5	211.9	0.0	0.0	+ 7.6	+ 3.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.2	90.8	88.7	- 0.6	- 0.7	+ 1.5	+ 1.7
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	21.9	21.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	28.2	28.5	27.7	- 0.3	- 1.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.3	37.6	37.5	- 0.3	- 0.8	- 0.2	- 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	31.4	31.0	30.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.3	+ 1.2	+ 4.0
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.7	4.5	4.4	+ 0.2	+ 4.4	+ 0.3	+ 6.8
Nonmanufacturing	1,977.2	1,975.1	1,903.0	+ 2.1	+ 0.1	+ 74.2	+ 3.9
Mining	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Construction	166.8	165.9	157.2	+ 0.9	+ 0.5	+ 9.6	+ 6.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	134.6	135.2	133.5	- 0.6	- 0.4	+ 1.1	+ 0.8
Transportation, exc. Railroad	73.7	74.5	72.4	- 0.8	- 1.1	+ 1.3	+ 1.8
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	56.8	56.9	56.4	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	631.2	631.7	608.5	- 0.5	- 0.1	+ 22.7	+ 3.7
Wholesale Trade	143.7	145.6	141.0	- 1.9	- 1.3	+ 2.7	+ 1.9
Retail Trade	487.5	486.1	467.5	+ 1.4	+ 0.3	+ 20.0	+ 4.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	127.9	127.6	119.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 8.7	+ 7.3
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	477.5	476.0	452.8	+ 1.5	+ 0.3	+ 24.7	+ 5.5
Total Government	434.4	433.9	427.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.1	+ 7.3	+ 1.7
Federal	52.3	51.9	51.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.8	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
State	126.1	126.0	123.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.3	+ 1.9
Local	256.0	256.0	251.7	0.0	0.0	+ 4.3	+ 1.7
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	257.3	262.4	243.5	- 5.1	- 1.9	+ 13.8	+ 5.7
Agriculture	92.9	97.8	99.9	- 4.9	- 5.0	- 7.0	- 7.0

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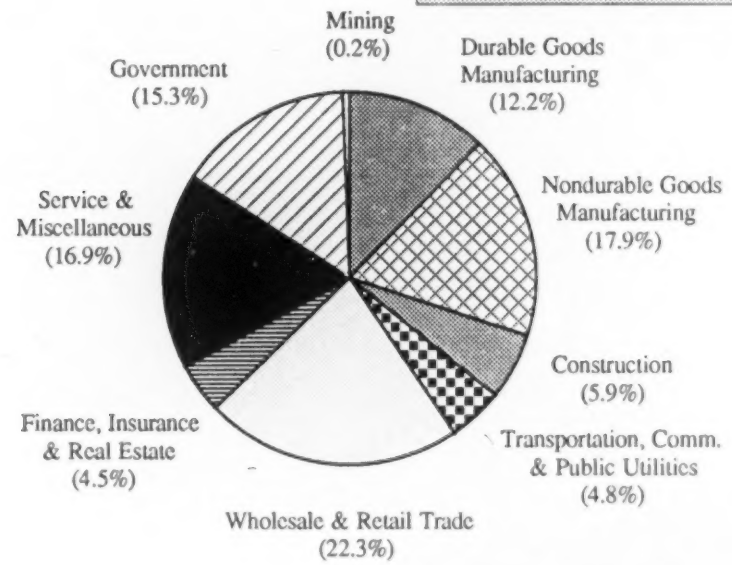
Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

August 1987



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Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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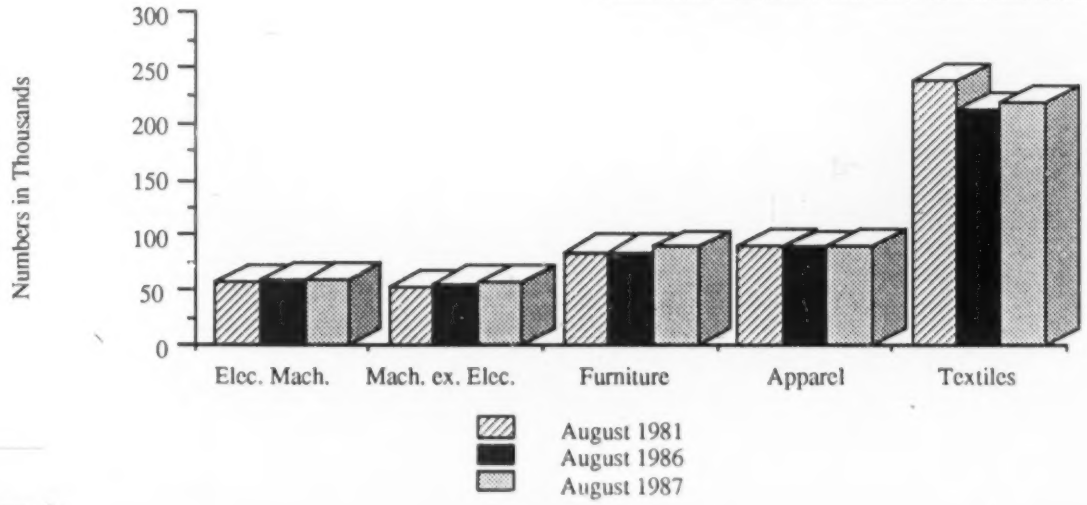

Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

August 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed: Weekly Total	Weeks Claimed: % of Insured Employment	Change From Previous Month: Numerical	Change From Previous Month: Percent
Total All Industries	2,657,545	31,375	1.2	- 6,910	- 18.0
Manufacturing Total	831,493	13,355	1.6	- 4,857	- 26.7
Food Products	47,390	550	1.2	- 53	- 8.8
Tobacco	24,719	856	3.5	- 381	- 30.8
Textile Products	214,680	3,196	1.5	- 1,306	- 29.0
Apparel Products	85,076	2,541	3.0	- 1,176	- 31.6
Lumber & Wood	38,228	552	1.4	- 253	- 31.4
Furniture & Fixtures	85,009	1,350	1.6	- 592	- 30.5
Paper & Allied	21,815	138	0.6	- 40	- 22.5
Printing & Publishing	27,852	353	1.3	+ 17	+ 5.1
Chemicals & Allied	38,628	270	0.7	- 28	- 9.4
Rubber & Plastics	30,983	390	1.3	- 60	- 13.3
Leather Products	3,605	42	1.2	- 36	- 46.2
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,161	202	1.0	- 12	- 5.6
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,158	522	1.4	- 104	- 16.6
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,534	562	1.0	- 337	- 37.5
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,567	1,082	1.8	- 280	- 20.6
Transportation Equipment	23,462	472	2.0	- 133	- 22.0
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,626	277	1.6	- 83	- 23.1
Construction	155,163	3,036	2.0	- 490	- 13.9
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	128,967	950	0.7	- 36	- 3.7
Trade	617,141	5,056	0.8	- 497	- 9.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	116,860	740	0.6	+ 12	+ 1.6
Services	413,778	2,764	0.7	- 381	- 12.1
State Government	111,848	673	0.6	- 15	- 2.2
Local Government	253,428	1,293	0.5	- 17	- 1.3
Other 3/	xxx	3,508	xxx	- 629	- 15.2

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

August 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	17,970	16,907	1,582	9	1,409
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	456	440	0	0	4
Clerical Occupations	1,933	1,900	6	2	41
Sales Occupations	414	408	0	0	1
Domestic Service Occupations	111	81	0	0	0
Other Service Occupations	2,850	2,806	11	1	21
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	2,464	1,709	1,462	0	4
Processing Occupations	1,442	1,345	56	0	1
Machine Trade Occupations	1,806	1,789	9	2	38
Benchwork Occupations	2,273	2,270	1	0	6
Structural Work Occupations	1,970	1,906	11	2	1,234
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	308	288	6	0	31
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	2,892	2,590	21	1	48
Miscellaneous Occupations	66	52	0	1	0

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.
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Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

August 1987 1/

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance &	Services	Public Administration	Government
6,816	848	2,551	140	3,245	886	1,645
69	9	64	4	193	100	169
270	157	537	84	537	286	463
10	4	331	7	56	0	10
1	0	0	2	76	2	1
121	29	1,038	9	1,261	331	595
12	84	7	13	114	18	94
1,003	251	34	0	9	0	1
1,582	9	69	1	81	3	20
1,996	2	22	0	245	0	20
367	21	43	16	126	111	155
34	77	101	2	27	14	15
1,462	194	324	2	543	22	94
29	12	1	0	7	2	12

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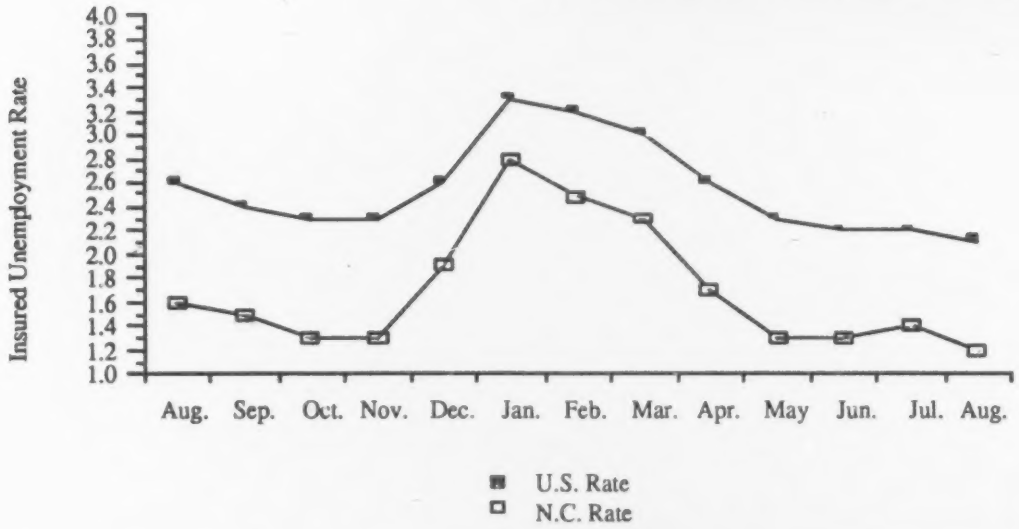

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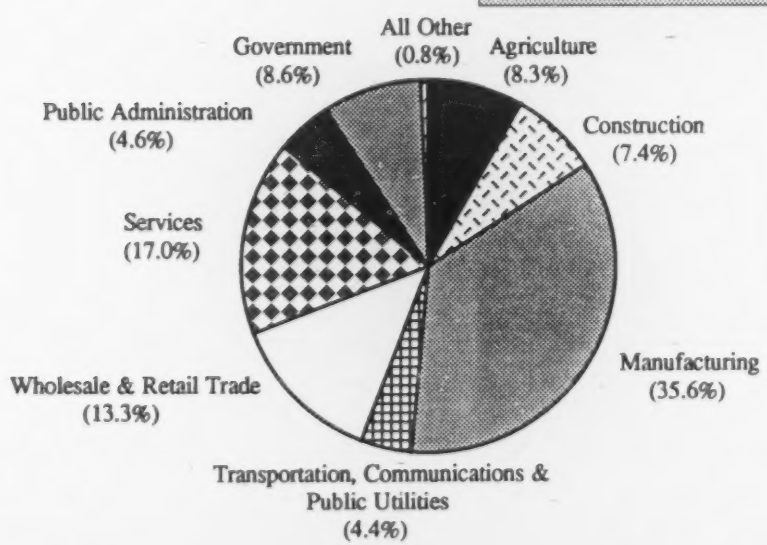

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Table II — *Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina*

Figure I — *Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina*

Figure II — *Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Compared to the North Carolina Average*

Table III — *Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina*

Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

August 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,803.8	2,792.0	2,710.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	853.6	847.2	834.2	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	345.9	343.9	337.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
Lumber and Wood Products	37.5	37.4	38.1	+ 0.3	- 1.6
Furniture and Fixtures	87.6	87.6	84.5	0.0	+ 3.7
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	22.1	21.8	20.6	+ 1.4	+ 7.3
Primary Metal Industries	11.5	11.5	11.1	0.0	+ 3.6
Fabricated Metal Products	27.2	26.9	26.6	+ 1.1	+ 2.3
Machinery, exc. Electrical	57.2	56.9	56.1	+ 0.5	+ 2.0
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	59.9	59.1	60.0	+ 1.4	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	25.4	25.5	22.8	- 0.4	+ 11.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.5	17.3	17.2	+ 1.2	+ 1.7
Nondurable Goods	507.6	503.3	497.2	+ 0.9	+ 2.1
Food and Kindred Products	47.5	48.0	47.3	- 1.0	+ 0.4
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.6	23.6	26.2	+ 8.5	- 2.3
Textile Mill Products	220.4	218.0	212.9	+ 1.1	+ 3.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	90.7	90.1	89.1	+ 0.7	+ 1.8
Paper and Allied Products	21.9	22.2	21.8	- 1.4	+ 0.5
Printing and Publishing	27.9	28.1	27.4	- 0.7	+ 1.8
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.6	37.6	37.8	0.0	- 0.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.4	31.3	30.3	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.7	4.5	4.4	+ 4.4	+ 6.8

* Revised.
1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
3/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

August 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Nonmanufacturing	1,950.2	1,944.8	1,875.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	+ 2.1
Construction	172.5	171.9	162.6	+ 0.3	+ 6.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	135.7	135.5	134.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Transportation, exc. Railroad	74.5	74.1	73.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	57.2	57.3	56.8	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale and Retail Trade	636.0	633.7	613.2	+ 0.4	+ 3.7
Wholesale Trade	146.5	146.1	143.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
Retail Trade	489.5	487.6	469.4	+ 0.4	+ 4.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	129.3	129.3	120.5	0.0	+ 7.3
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	483.2	482.7	458.5	+ 0.1	+ 5.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	29.2	28.9	28.9	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Total Government	388.6	386.8	381.6	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Federal	52.6	52.3	51.9	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
State	117.6	114.1	115.5	+ 3.1	+ 1.8
Local	218.4	220.3	214.2	- 0.9	+ 2.0

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4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina 1/

August 1987 2/

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug.* 1986	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug.* 1986	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$323.38	$317.49	$309.26	41.3	40.6	40.8	$ 7.83	$ 7.82	$ 7.58
DURABLE GOODS	334.97	330.08	319.46	41.1	40.7	40.8	8.15	8.11	7.83
Lumber & Wood Products	279.86	277.26	266.90	40.5	40.3	40.5	6.91	6.88	6.59
Furniture & Fixtures	283.81	274.51	269.66	39.2	38.5	38.8	7.24	7.13	6.95
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	364.42	387.97	344.44	41.6	43.3	41.3	8.76	8.96	8.34
Primary Metal Industries	410.84	395.97	369.56	43.8	42.9	41.9	9.38	9.23	8.82
Fabricated Metal Industries	367.50	372.20	354.06	42.0	42.2	42.2	8.75	8.82	8.39
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	384.98	377.09	372.80	43.5	42.9	42.9	8.85	8.79	8.69
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	375.72	364.91	359.06	41.7	40.5	41.8	9.01	9.01	8.59
Transportation Equipment	374.31	370.15	359.21	42.2	42.4	41.1	8.87	8.73	8.74
NONDURABLE GOODS	315.12	309.78	302.74	41.3	40.6	40.8	7.63	7.63	7.42
Food & Kindred Products	277.50	271.44	278.99	39.7	39.0	40.2	6.99	6.96	6.94
Tobacco Manufacturers	494.79	532.91	492.77	34.1	33.9	34.8	14.51	15.72	14.16
Textile Mill Products	296.60	289.11	282.32	42.8	41.9	42.2	6.93	6.90	6.69
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	205.52	202.99	198.98	38.2	37.8	37.9	5.38	5.37	5.25
Paper & Allied Products	513.00	498.40	503.23	45.6	44.5	45.5	11.25	11.20	11.06
Printing & Publishing	365.92	353.46	344.27	40.3	39.1	39.3	9.08	9.04	8.76
Chemicals & Allied Products	456.23	445.98	422.26	43.7	42.8	42.1	10.44	10.42	10.03
Plastics & Synthetics	511.44	504.22	471.33	45.3	44.7	42.5	11.29	11.28	11.09
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	416.98	415.16	393.69	43.3	42.8	42.7	9.63	9.70	9.22
MINING	407.64	402.75	366.57	47.4	46.4	45.2	8.60	8.68	8.11
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	516.18	527.39	505.98	42.0	42.6	42.2	12.29	12.38	11.99
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	213.50	214.14	206.46	33.1	33.2	33.3	6.45	6.45	6.20
Wholesale Trade	334.36	340.05	319.95	39.9	40.1	39.5	8.38	8.48	8.10
Retail Trade	180.91	179.66	175.06	31.3	31.3	31.6	5.78	5.74	5.54
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	144.74	140.66	142.30	30.6	29.8	30.8	4.73	4.72	4.62

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

Figure I

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

August 1987

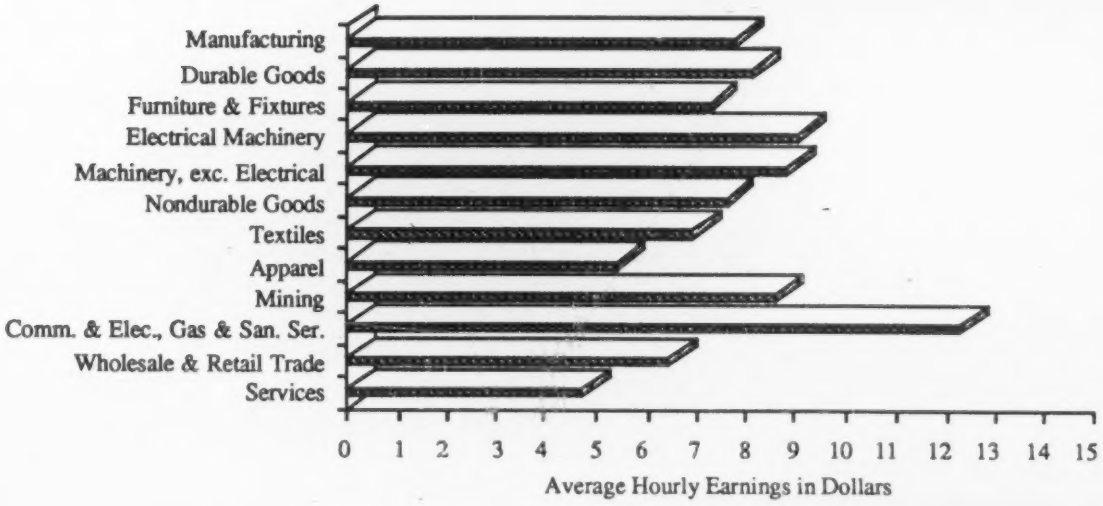

Figure II

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

August 1987

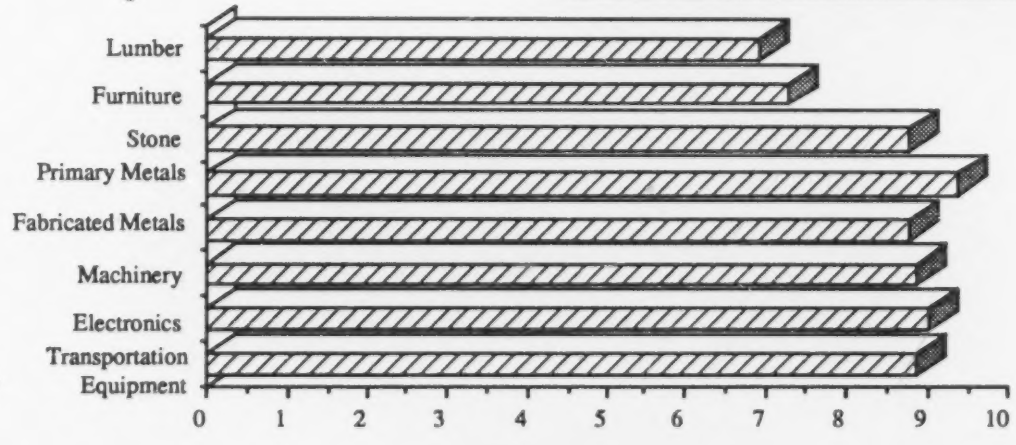

Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

August 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Manufacturing	675.6	669.8	661.6	+ 0.9	+ 2.1
Durable Goods	260.2	258.6	255.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Lumber and Wood Products	31.9	31.8	32.5	+ 0.3	- 1.8
Furniture and Fixtures	76.5	76.5	74.1	0.0	+ 3.2
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.8	17.6	16.6	+ 1.1	+ 7.2
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.4	8.2	0.0	+ 2.4
Fabricated Metal Products	20.4	20.1	19.9	+ 1.5	+ 2.5
Machinery, exc. Electrical	28.5	28.3	28.7	+ 0.7	- 0.7
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	43.2	42.5	43.8	+ 1.6	- 1.4
Transportation Equipment	20.5	20.6	18.3	- 0.5	+ 12.0
Nondurable Goods	415.3	411.2	406.4	+ 1.0	+ 2.2
Food and Kindred Products	33.5	34.1	33.4	- 1.8	+ 0.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.7	17.7	20.1	+ 11.3	- 2.0
Textile Mill Products	195.0	192.7	188.4	+ 1.2	+ 3.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	79.0	78.4	78.1	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Paper and Allied Products	16.5	16.8	16.3	- 1.8	+ 1.2
Printing and Publishing	17.3	17.5	16.9	- 1.1	+ 2.4
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.5	24.5	24.8	0.0	- 1.2
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	25.8	25.8	24.8	0.0	+ 4.0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.0	3.8	3.7	+ 5.3	+ 8.1

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1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.